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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

ATTITUDE OF MINISTERS ON CONSCRIPTION DECISION.

MR. MCKENNA AND MR. RUNCIMAN MAY RESIGN.

Fourteen British Volunteers Lost on Ville de La Ciotat.

SENSATIONAL ARRESTS IN U.S. PLOTS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

THE BULGARIAN DANGER.

GREEK EX-PREMIER'S VIEWS.

December 29, 2.00 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Athens states that on the occasion of the Nemesday of M. Venizelos, thousands of citizens of all classes, and representatives of various Corporations and diplomatists, called to congratulate the ex-Premier.
M. Venizelos, in replying to an address from trade representatives, dwelt on the Bulgarian danger and on the importance of the Allies remaining at Salonica.

THE RUSSIANS.

OCCUPATION OF KASHAN.

December 29, 12.00 p.m.
A message from Reuter's correspondent at Tiberias, dated the 27th inst., states that the Russians have occupied Kashan and are marching towards Ispahan.

FRENCH OPTIMISM.

NO TIME FOR PEACE TALK.

December 29, 3.50 a.m.
Reuter's Paris correspondent states that French optimism as to the outcome of the war was voiced by General Gallieni (Minister for War) in the Senate, the occasion being the passing of the Bill authorizing the calling out of the 1917 recruits.
General Gallieni said:—"France, who eighteen months ago wanted peace, to-day wants war with her whole energy. Anyone who utters the word 'Peace' is regarded as a bad citizen. The great struggle will only end when France, with her Allies, is in a position to say 'I stop. Having obtained what I wanted, I resume peacetime labours!'"
M. Gervais, the Reporter on the Bill, said the Army Committee had examined the question of effective and had come to the conclusion that there was no ground for anxiety. France had plenty of men to last to the end.

GERMAN PLOTS IN AMERICA.

U.S. CONGRESSMEN ARRESTED.

December 29, 4.40 a.m.
A message from New York reports a sensational development in connection with the German plots by the arrest of Frank Buchanan and H. Fowler, respectively member and ex-member of Congress (both of Illinois), as well as Francis Monnet, former Attorney General of Ohio, Jacob Taylor, President of the National Democratic Club, and three others, who have been indicted by the Grand Jury, conspiring to commit strikes at munition works.
It is believed that the arrests are the result of Mr. Straube, Secretary of the Peace Council, who tried to prevent the shipment of munitions to the Allies, betraying State's evidence.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

COMPULSION.

HOW IT WILL BE RECEIVED.

December 28, 1.55 p.m.
The Westminster Gazette states that the number of untested single men is much greater than was anticipated, amounting to 650,000, very few of whom are in Government, "starred" or indispensable industries.
The journal says that the decision of the Government to apply compulsion immediately will not lead to a break-up of the Government or a General Election. Possibly one or two Ministers will resign, but it is more likely that Mr. Asquith will convince all his colleagues of the necessity of the step. A small minority in the House of Commons will fight the proposal, but unless they are opposed will not extend to the 200 Liberals and a considerable section of the Labourites whom some quarters claim as anti-compulsionists.

AVERTING A CRISIS.

December 28, 1.05 p.m.
The Times and the Daily Mail also declare that a definite decision was reached at yesterday's meeting of the Cabinet that Mr. Asquith's pledge should be redeemed immediately and that the principle of compulsion should be accepted.
The Daily News says the Cabinet identified itself strongly with Mr. Asquith's pledge to married men. It adds that the situation is delicate, but it is hoped that a crisis may be averted.
The newspapers generally agree that the Cabinet was not unanimous, but it is stated that the minority may accept the decision in order to preserve unity. In this connection the position of Mr. Henderson is interesting. As the representative of Labour, it is understood that he regarded himself as committed against Conscription. Anyhow, he will certainly consult his political associates. It is remarked that the Labour Party never bound Mr. Henderson on the question.
The Daily Chronicle says some members of the Cabinet desired a further voluntary effort to bring in the untested, but Lord Derby was strongly averse to this as was Mr. Asquith. The Daily Chronicle adds that the total figure comprises many engaged in essential industries, while there are numerous cases in which the son is the breadwinner.

THE OBJECTORS.

December 29, 4.20 p.m.
It is stated that the Cabinet decision in favour of immediate compulsion in the case of untested unmarried men was opposed by Mr. McKenna and Mr. Runciman, who believe that the Government plan will prejudice trade and finance. Their resignation is possible.
The Westminster Gazette says Mr. Asquith's redemption of his pledge was never doubtful; the only question was the giving of a further chance to Lord Derby's scheme. Mr. Lloyd George strenuously opposed further delay, and his belief in the necessity for immediate action largely contributed to the Cabinet decision, which is substantially supported by the great majority of Ministers. All questions arising out of the decision have been thoroughly explored by the Government, and the claims of munitions, exports and finance will not be forgotten.

SALONICA.

DESCRIPTION OF BRITISH LINES.

December 29, 12.45 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at the headquarters at Salonica says that the British lines remind him of the Turkish lines at Chatalja, "but here the valley is considerably broader, and the hills higher than those of the Thracian battle-ground. The Allies lines roughly extend in a wide semi-circle from the river Vardar to the Gulf of Phaeon, the half of which is naturally defended by the lakes Langza and Beshikwhol and surrounded by a broad valley offering no cover. A girdle of hills guards the approaches to Salonica on which guns command the length and breadth of the valley. On the slopes towards the north are the remains of trenches where the Turks intended to make their last stand in the first Balkan War. Some of their barbed wire entanglements are still intact and have been used by us. Our trenches are like those in Flanders, deep and narrow. The region is full of historical interest and the soldiers have developed the collector's spirit, occasionally unearthing coins, statuettes, vases and pottery.
"I am impressed with the whole-hearted confidence of the men to hold the lines. Indeed they are most eager that the enemy should attempt an advance."

A SIGNIFICANT ADMISSION.

December 29, 2.20 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Athens says the following significant statement appears in a pro-German paper:—"An Austro-German attack on Salonica would be useless, because owing to the fortifications the Allies can neither be crushed nor taken prisoner. The only result of an Austro-German attack would be the transference of the Anglo-French forces to another front, reinforcing the armies which the Austro-Germans already face."
This is presumably an inspired argument equivalent to an avowal of a certain possession of power.

ITALIAN ARMY DETACHMENTS.

December 29, 4.50 p.m.
Reuter's Paris correspondent says it is reported from Salonica that detachments of the Italian Army from Valona are approaching the frontier at Epirus.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

NEWS FROM EGYPT.

TRIPOLITAN FORCE DEFEATED.

December 29, 1.55 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Cairo states that a strong column of all arms of the Western Frontier Force marched out to Miramatre on Christmas morning, and drove back a Tripolitan force which had encamped in the valley eight miles to the westward. Our casualties were slight. In a reconnaissance the Force had previously encountered the enemy on the 12th and 13th of December, with the result that the enemy sustained 300 casualties.
December 29, 2.30 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Cairo states that the operations on the 25th inst. were completely successful.
A Tripolitan force of 3,000 strong was driven back near Miramatre, leaving 200 dead. The gunfire from the ships provided effective support.

THE TORPEDOED FRENCH LINER.

14 BRITISH VOLUNTEERS AMONG MISSING.

December 29, 9.30 p.m.
The Messageries Maritimes announces that those missing as a result of the torpedoing of the Ville de La Ciotat include fourteen British volunteers from Colombo, whose names are not given; Mr. Moore, of Singapore; and Mr. Bouchard, of Shanghai.

AMERICA AND AUSTRIA.

RELATIONS SEVERED?

December 29, 9.30 p.m.
A message from Washington says it is stated that in reply to the Ancona Note (7 Austria has announced) severance of relations with the United States.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

A FAIRLY QUIET NIGHT.

December 29, 4.30 p.m.
A Paris communique states that the night was quiet, except in the Chaulmes sector, where there was fighting with grenades, and in Champagne, where we bombarded enemy defences west of Navarin farm.

ANOTHER STEAMER SUNK.

December 29, 4.20 p.m.
The British steamer Morning has been sunk, the master and second mate being saved.

FRENCH NAVAL ACTIVITY.

(Havas Telegram.)

December 27.
An official telegram from the French Ministry for Marine says:—"A French cruiser cannonaded and destroyed a Turkish battery at Sollum base. A French steam trawler, "Paris II," cannonaded two enemy submarines, who fled, near the Turkish coast.
[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

AUSTRALIAN POLITICS.

December 27, 6.50 p.m.
The Melbourne Age says the State Parliament having failed to pass the Bill conferring upon the Commonwealth Government, during the war and one year thereafter, the powers sought by a referendum, with limitations, a special sitting of the Federal Parliament will be summoned to pass legislation which will overcome the difficulty.

THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

ANOTHER BOMBARDMENT OF VARNA.

December 28, 6.50 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent in Rome a Balkan telegram reports that the Russians again bombarded Varna on Friday and sent a Bulgarian torpedo-boat. However, no war was observed in the town.
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TELEGRAMS.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.

The Russians have occupied Kashan and are marching towards Ispahan.

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Daily Press.

Cabinet and Conscription.

After the glowing accounts which have reached us of the success attending Lord Derby's recruiting campaign it is something of a shock to learn that the members of the Government are seriously divided over the advisability of continuing the voluntary system. Until the Prime Minister makes his promised announcement in the House of Commons with regard to the results of the recent appeal to the manhood of Great Britain any opinion as to how the present situation has arisen must necessarily be conjectural. It seems, however, probable that though the response of the nation, taken as a whole, has been satisfactory the figures in some of the classes have been disappointing and that, consequently, an influential section of the Cabinet is in favour of resorting to compulsory measures. It will be remembered that in the House of Commons on November 2nd Mr. Asquith gave a pledge that if a sufficient number of young men not indispensable to business of national importance did not volunteer before the 30th of the month the Government would seek compulsory powers before calling upon married men to fulfil their engagement to serve. Lord Derby's scheme seemed that every man should have brought to his knowledge the fact that the country needed his services in some form or other.

China Mail.

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BIRTHS.

BRAGA.—On 29th December at 5 Observatory Villas Kowloon, to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Braga, a daughter.

FRISENETTE.—On December 22, 1915, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Frisenette, a son.

MARRIAGE.

THOMAS-SELIGER.—On December 23, 1915, at H.B.M. Consulate-General, and at the Holy Trinity Cathedral, before the Rev. W. H. Price, Herbert Thomas, son of the late John L. Thomas, of Liverpool, to Marie Chrystal Louise Seliger, younger daughter of Friedrich W. C. Seliger, of Berlin.

DEATH.

BLISS.—On December 23, 1915, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, Venezia May, the beloved wife of Leonard Bliss.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1915.

"OH, WHAT A FALLING OFF WAS THERE!"

A newly-arrived Home paper gives some somewhat startling figures in connection with the *Daily Mail's* circulation, which show that, in the course of the five months May to September, that circulation fell from 1,227,504 copies a day to 1,069,359—a drop of over 158,000. The same paper informs us that the *Daily News*, which may be regarded as, in all respects, the opposition paper, contrived to raise its daily sales during the same period from 600,032 to 800,000. Under ordinary circumstances there might be little in these comparative statements to interest readers whose life and business are bound up with the Far East; but it happens that, in this particular case, the whole point of the matter turns on the war and the attitude taken thereon by certain sections of the press.

When, some few months ago, Reuter stated that the Northcliffe press had gained an undesirable notoriety by vilifying Earl Kitchener, we made bold to suggest that the effect of such a policy would declare itself before very long in the sales of those papers that followed it. At the time, it will be remembered, Stock Exchange men in London showed what they felt in the matter by publicly burning the *Daily Mail*. Lord Northcliffe is known to be one of the cleverest exponents of the fine art of advertising in the world, but for once he has made an enormous—perhaps an irretrievable—mistake. His special genius lay in seeing what a very large proportion of the public wanted, and giving it to them; which, perhaps, is but another way of saying that he was shrewd enough to turn the people's amiable weaknesses against themselves. With the poor system of education that obtains there, England is essentially the home of the small-minded; of those who love the superficial and the obvious; and the Harmsworth ability to supply both in vast quantities has never been denied. To exploit small-mindedness is a fine thing while it lasts; but Britain, of late, has been passing through a period of its existence which left it but little leisure or room for *Daily Mail* journalism; and when, to the known absurdities of that periodical, wholesale libels of the greatest soldier of modern times were added, is it any wonder that the public cried: "Hold, enough!"

One man's loss is usually another's gain, and even those who dissent most strongly from the past policy of the *Daily News* will not grudge it its rise in life at the expense of its adversary. It is true that, when war first broke out, our Radical friend was publishing huge "Stop-the-War" advertisements; but it speedily saw the error of its ways and, at the present moment, less near to being objectionable from a political point of view than it has ever been before. Unluckily when the *Daily News* became a halfpenny paper it speedily began to lose its old journalistic value. It was always rabid, more or less, even as a penny publication, but its reports, criticisms and literary articles were many miles ahead of anything that the halfpenny papers, no matter what their politics, have ever been able to give us. Will it make use of its new popularity to try and feel its way back to its old influential days—the days of James Fyfe or of H. W. Loosy and "Q"? People would put up with its politics if it would set out to give the lie to the generally-accepted belief at Home that it is impossible to "run" a halfpenny paper that shall contain no journalism of the cheap and nasty order.

The Truck Tragedy.

It is a thousand pities that, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, no case could be found against the coolie who was arraigned on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the recent fatal truck accident in Kowloon. Apparently there was no absolutely direct evidence of negligence—that is to be explained from the fact that there was no actual eye-witness of the happening—but there was surely sufficient circumstantial testimony to justify a verdict of guilty. The medical evidence was to the effect that, from the nature of deceased's injuries, the truck must have been travelling at an excessive speed, and, inasmuch as the prisoner was one of the men in charge of the vehicle, one would have thought the jury would have had no difficulty in finding that a degree of responsibility for the tragedy rested on him. There was nothing in the case to show that the deceased lady was at fault, and, as the incident occurred in broad daylight, it is surely a safe assumption that the negligence of the coolies was the cause of the tragedy.

Fears for the Future.

It is a somewhat remarkable fact, too, that of the six truck coolies only one could be traced. These vehicles are licensed, and there certainly should be some means of keeping a check on the men into whose charge they are given. One of the statements made by the prisoner appeared to lend colour to the probability that the brakes of the truck were not effective. He stated that the master should have been in the dock, since it was his duty to see that the brakes were in order. And, if it were the case that the brakes were defective, the wonder is that the master was not charged, not in place of the prisoner, but along with him. The case was brought not only to secure the punishment of the guilty, but also as an object lesson to truck coolies that they should exercise a larger measure of care when on the streets. The public does not require to be told that the utmost carelessness and recklessness are displayed by these coolies; we have had ample evidence of that in the past. And our only fear is that, after the lenient view taken by the jury in this tragic case, the dangers will increase rather than diminish in the future.

On the Trail.

We made reference the other day in this column to the ease with which Chinese obtain possession of dangerous explosives such as dynamite. Yesterday a case came before the Bench which threw some light on the subject. The leakage, judging from the facts brought out in this instance, occurs in connection with blasting operations, the men whose duty it is to fill the holes being in the habit of smuggling as many sticks of dynamite as they can gain possession of. If the matter were probed into, it would most likely be found that these men carry on quite a business with the explosives which they are able to get into their hands in this way. Be that as it may, we quite appreciate the difficulty of getting at the root of the matter, and we can only add that the police are to be commended for having got so far on the right track in their endeavours to prevent these dangerous substances from getting into the hands of those who could be depended upon to use them for their own castaway purposes.

TWO JOLLY TARS.

It has since transpired that the two jolly tars who made a tour of the hotels and other places, on Christmas Day, where they made a collection for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Cigarette Fund, were Messrs. McMillan and Head, and they were successful in collecting the exceedingly nice little sum of \$37.32, which amount will be forwarded to the Secretary of the principal Fund in due course.

DAY BY DAY

AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING IS TO DAY OFFICIAL SUNDAY. AND SHALL BE FOR EVERMORE—Kipling.

The Weather.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 53; Lower level 3 a.m. Temp. 63; fine.

The Mails.
Siberian Mail.—Closed to-day per s.s. Sinchiang 3 p.m.
Siberian Mail.—Due to-morrow per s.s. Yingchow.
English Mail.—Closed to-day per s.s. Nankin 3 p.m.
European Mail.—Due to-morrow per s.s. Atlanta Maru.

The Dollar.
The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 1/10 15/16.

Tomorrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 15th anniversary of the granting of the Charter to the East India Company.

Seizure of Opium.
Revenue officer Widdan this morning made a seizure of 254 lbs. of prepared opium off the s.s. Haiching.

Chinese Return Home.
The s.s. Glenfalloch, arrived in Port this morning from Singapore, having on board 236 Chinese passengers.

Departed.
Mr. W. T. Harbord, of the Royal Naval Dockyard, departed by the Home-going P. and O. steamer Nankin to-day.

Kailan Output.
The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending December 18, 1915 amounted to 62,315 tons and the sales during the period, to 57,704 tons.

A Passenger's Heavy Loss.
It has been reported to the Police by a Chinese passenger on the Kyo Maru that between the 22nd and the 24th, while in Moji harbour or at sea, some person stole from his boxes in the cabin \$2,500 in money.

Very Strong Monsoon Reported.
The s.s. Glenfalloch, which has arrived in port to-day from Singapore, having taken nine days to do the run, reports that she encountered very strong monsoons from Singapore to the Far East with very high seas. From thence to Hongkong it gradually got finer.

Rifled Luggage.
Mr. F. K. Keith, a visitor at the Hongkong Hotel, has reported to the police that between the 22nd ult. and the 29th inst. some person stole from his luggage either during the journey from Nagasaki to Hongkong or at the T. K. K.'s Godown at West Point, a tortoiseshell toilet set and cigarette case value \$280.

A Dangerous Practice.
At the Marine Court, this morning Commander Beckwith, in the case of three Chinese who were charged with boarding a vessel while she was under way, said that this was a revival of a dangerous practice which he had thought he had put a stop to in the Colony. The defendants would be sent to prison for two months.

Opium Possession.
A quartermaster on board the Japanese boat Kigo Maru at Yau-mai was charged, before Mr. Hazeland this morning, with the unlawful possession of 7½ teals of opium, valued \$80. The information was laid by F. S. Grant, and the defendant, who admitted the charge, was fined \$200, or two months' hard labour.

Calendais.
We have to acknowledge the receipt of extremely dainty calendars from Messrs. W. G. Humphreys and Co. (the State Assurance Co.) the Vacuum Oil Co., Messrs. Lexley and Co. ("Izal"), Messrs. Shawan, Tomes and Co. (the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co.), and a neat little pocket diary from Messrs. Dodwell and Co., the local agents of the Phoenix Assurance Co.

Pick Pocket Caught.
A Chinese was charged this morning, before Mr. Wood, with attempting to steal a wallet containing \$220 from the Secretary of a Chinese firm in Wing Lok Street. The complainant stated that the wallet was in his breast pocket and suddenly he felt a hand there. He seized hold of the hand and later gave the prisoner over to the district watchman. There was a previous conviction against the man, and he was sent to prison for six months with hard labour.

NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

THE RUSSIANS.

The "Westminster" Statement.
What Mr. Asquith refrains from telling us, concerning the number of single men whom, apparently, nothing but force will affect, is now told us by the leading Radical paper—the Westminster Gazette. According to that journal "the number of unattached single men is much greater than was anticipated, amounting to six hundred and fifty thousand, very few of whom are in Government," "starred" of indispensable industries; "all of which is an amazing comment on Mr. Asquith's recent statement that the Derby recruiting scheme had been an unqualified success. Have we not almost had enough of the Premier's methods of letting us down gently? As a precursor of the Westminster's assertion (which, by the way, has the aroma of Government inspiration about it) comes Mr. Asquith's announcement to his colleagues that "a measure of compulsion" would be necessary. Will the man of his school ever learn to call a spade a spade? In the past they have certainly shown themselves masters in the suppression of the truth and the suggestion of the false; but that sort of policy does not carry a country very far. At present Mr. Asquith is very hard at work proving to the world that he is not the man for his job; the pity is that the action ever allowed itself to be belittled into the belief that he was. The men whom one pities most in all this are the army and navy chiefs; and we are inclined to think that if, at the present moment, Earl Kitchener were to walk into the House, Cromwell-like, with a few soldiers behind him, and clear the whole place out, determining to run the country himself for a while, he would find plenty of sympathisers.

The Gallant 650,000.
As for these six hundred and fifty thousand nice young men who are willing to loaf at home in safety while other men are fighting for them—what sort of soldiers are they going to make when "a measure of compulsion" is applied to them? We Britons know that they are not fair specimens by which to judge; but the enemy and the neutral nations, and perhaps some of our allies, do not know this; and we have the immense satisfaction of feeling that the magnificent heroism of our men in the trenches is being liberally discounted by the story of these hundreds of thousands of young men at home who are afraid to fight. There has never been a more galling moment in the history of the Empire. Moralists may tell us that it is good that some of the conceit should be taken out of us, and doubtless they would be right; but it is a bitter pill for us of an older generation to swallow. The Radicals, grandmotherly legislators, peace maniacs, humanitarians, trade-unionists and anti-this-and-that-and-the-other cranks ought to be proud of their work. Everyone with any sense always knew what was bound to happen (if ever the Empire was faced with a big war) as a result of a generation of crank teaching.

It was only to be supposed that a people who could find time to listen to and to encourage every craze from anti-vivisection to suffragism and from anti-flogging in schools, to anti-capital punishment—everything, in fact, that would rub the rising generation of its necessary animalism and moral viscera—would hardly produce soldiers; but what has happened is even worse than one anticipated.

The Russians and Varna.
Let us hope that the statement about the bombardment of Varna is a true one. A week ago we were told that this port had been practically blown off the earth and that the Russians had landed there. A few days later Reuter informed us that there was no truth in the statement that our allies had effected a landing. Now we learn that Varna has been "again bombarded." Is a contradiction to follow? Seeing how very obvious a thing it was that the Russians should attack Bulgaria on her Black Sea coast, one would have thought that at least some outline of her reasons for refraining therefrom would have been given us. It is almost time that some steps were taken to remedy the disaster of the Balkan campaign.

A BOLD THIEF.
Posed as the Gas-man.
A case was heard at the Police Court, this morning, before Mr. Wood, in which it transpired that a Chinese, representing to be employed at the Gas Works, went into a shop in Gough Street armed with a large pair of pincers and began to remove some gas pipes and uncover the connections. The shopkeeper became suspicious and took the man to the police station where he admitted that he was an unemployed blacksmith.

A representative of the Gas Company stated that thefts of this kind were getting very common of late.
Mr. Wood sentenced the prisoner to three months' hard labour.

A YEAR AGO TO-DAY.

LEADING EVENTS IN THE GREAT WAR.

Extracts from the war news contained in the "Hongkong Telegraph" of December 30, 1914.

American Protest to Britain.
Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that the U.S. Government has sent a long Note to Britain insisting on an early improvement in the treatment of American commerce by the British Fleet.

The Note warns Britain that much feeling has been aroused by unwarranted interference with legitimate trade, and the United States Government feels compelled to ask for definite information of Britain's attitude in order to take measures to protect the rights of American citizens. Numerous specific cases of detentions and seizures of cargoes are cited. The Note declares that the representations are made in a friendly spirit, but the United States considers best to speak in terms of frankness, lest silence should be considered acquiescence in a policy which has infringed the rights of American citizens.

The chief difficulty is the moral effect of the practice on American exporters, who are restrained from taking risks which should not surround legitimate trade between the United States and other neutral countries. The Note is practically intended for all the nations of the Triple Entente.

Reuter's correspondent at Washington reports that the Note adds, with reference to the detention of American ships at sea, that the Government cannot tolerate undue delays in examining or conveying to British ports for detailed examination, and argues that proof of the hostile destination of the cargo must be evidenced at the time of the searchment on the sea. The presumption of guilt cannot rest with neutral shippers, but the burden of proof must be imposed on any belligerent interfering therewith.

LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby advise us that the Langkat output for the current month is as follows—

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FILFERING OF DYNAMITE.

Mr. Hazeland on How to Prevent It.

The case, which we reported yesterday, in which two Chinese were charged with stealing two sticks of dynamite from Wing On, who is carrying out the work of building the new reservoir at Pokfulam, was concluded before Mr. Hazeland this morning.

The first defendant, sworn, said that five sticks of dynamite were supplied him to fill up holes made for blasting. He had used four and was going to use the other when he was arrested.

His Worship pointed out that the witnesses for the prosecution said the prisoners were going down the hill to fill up holes.

D. S. Clark said the witnesses were hostile as they were "all in the swim," including the Chinese foreman. Mr. Wing On, last as much as a case a month, which was 400 sticks.

His Worship said the only way for the sticks to be checked was for the head man to go round and see for himself whether there were holes or no.

The second defendant said that he was given the stick by the foreman.

His Worship said it seemed quite clear that the prisoners were given the sticks by the foreman and could not be found guilty of stealing, but only of receiving. He proposed to convict them of receiving but, taking into consideration all the circumstances, he would find them over in the sum of \$100 each to come up for judgment if called upon in regard to that sort of stealing. He thought the only way to prevent it was for an absolutely reliable man to go round and count the holes and dole out the number of sticks required. If that were not done, the stealing would go on for ever and a day.

INDIAN CONSTABLE CHARGED.

A Serious Allegation.
Indian Constable B430 was charged before Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court this morning, with misconduct while on duty.

In asking for a remand for a week, Inspector O'Sullivan said that the complainant reported that on the 25th instant they were walking along Lyttleton Road towards Babbington Path when the constable stopped them and asked where they were going. They replied that they were going for a walk, and the constable said they could not walk there, but must go to the station with him. They accompanied him part of the way, when the constable said that if they came before the magistrate, the man would be fined \$20 and the lady \$10, but he would let them go if they gave him \$10. This the man did, but later reported the matter to the Police, when the C.S.P. decided to charge the constable.

Inspector O'Sullivan said it was impossible to go on with the case now, as the lady had gone away into the country and would not be back until sometime next week.

The remand was granted, bail being allowed in the sum of \$25.

AN IMPUDENT THIEF.

A Trick Which Did Not Work.
Before Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court a Chinese was charged with stealing a bag and its contents, valued \$171.

The facts as stated by Inspector Macdonald, were that the complainant intended going to Taipo by train and arrived with his brother at the Star Ferry Wharf. He went to buy a ticket, leaving his brother with the bag, complainant sitting on a seat with the bag by his side. The defendant came up and told the man that the bag that there was some dirt on his side. When he turned round to look, the defendant picked up the bag and ran away. He was just going off in a rickshaw when arrested.

The offence was admitted, and the man was sentenced to six weeks with hard labour, without hours' stop.

TELEGRAMS.

NEW BISHOP OF DOVER.

(Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph.")
London, December 30.
The Rev. Canon H.R. Billingham, Rector of Liverpool, has been appointed Bishop of Dover, Bishop Walsh having resigned.

OBITUARY.

SIR ARTHUR WILSON.

London, December 30.
The death is announced of the Right Hon. Sir Arthur Wilson, K.C.I.E., P.C., a member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council since 1902.
[The deceased, who was called to the Bar, Inner Temple, in 1862, was Puisne Judge of the High Court, Calcutta, in 1878 and Vice-Chancellor of the Calcutta University from 1880 to 1888. He was appointed Legal Adviser and Solicitor to the India Office in 1892, resigning in 1902.]

MR. ANDREW ROSS.

London, December 30.
Reuter's correspondent at Wellington announces the death of Mr. Andrew Ross, the owner of the Cocos Islands.
[It will be remembered that it was at the Cocos Islands that the Endon was destroyed by H.M.A.S. Sydney.]

JAPANESE CORONATION.

RUSSIA'S GREETINGS.

London, December 30.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd, the Grand Duke George Michaelovich has gone to Tokyo to convey the Tsar's greetings to the Emperor of Japan on the occasion of the latter's coronation.

INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

London, December 30.
The evening newspapers comment sympathetically on the National Congress.
The *Pall Mall Gazette* says that Major Simha's presidency indicates that the Congress is reaching the status of a responsible, practical-minded body, and his address will commend itself to every real friend of the Empire.
The *Globe* says that nothing finer could be imaginable than Major Simha's statement that reforms are not expected as a reward for loyalty.

In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

BIG LIVERPOOL FIRE.

London, December 30.
Several thousand pounds' worth of damage has been caused by a fire at a rice mill and warehouse in Liverpool.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D. S. P. (Reserve) state—

Annual Dinner.
It is proposed that the first Annual Dinner of the Police Reserve should be held on Saturday, February 5th, the anniversary of the formation of the Corps by His Excellency the Governor.

As it may not be practicable to seat more than 200 men, Company Inspectors are asked to send to this office on or before January 8th, the probable number of men who would attend from each Platoon, including Sergeants. The charge will be about \$2 per head.

Church Parade. No. 2 Company.
All ranks of No. 2 Company will attend Divine Service at the Roman Catholic Cathedral on Sunday next, January 2nd, at 9.30 p.m. The Police Reserve Band will also attend. Fall in at Central Police Station at 9 a.m. Dress:—Uniform, caps and covers. No rifles to be carried. The parade will be taken by the O.O. No. 2 Company.

Appointment of Musketry Sergeant.
The Hon. C.S.P. has sanctioned the promotion of P.O.W.F. Ford to the rank of Musketry Sergeant. He will report to the M.I.

SHANGHAI ENEMY TRADING.

Messrs David Sassoon Charged.

Defendants were charged last Thursday with a breach of the Trading with the Enemy Regulations. Mr. S. H. McKean appeared to prosecute on behalf of the Crown and Mr. R. N. Macleod for the defendants.

In answer to Mr. Macleod, his Worship said the charge he framed was under regulation 2 (6) viz. that the defendant company, on August 10, at Shanghai, did obtain merchandise from an alien enemy.
Mr. Macleod said that that put the defendants in rather a difficulty, because there had been no evidence at all of any actual delivery of goods. It was probable that the goods referred to were not delivered on the date mentioned, and in considering whether there had been any indirect dealing with any particular person on the date of the charge it was important that the date should be right.

His Worship said there was evidence that on August 10 the defendants paid money to their compradors for goods specified, and he would assume that the goods were delivered.

Mr. Macleod—Your Worship assumes the goods were delivered?

His Worship—I do.
Mr. Macleod—I object to that ruling, because the important part of the charge is the obtaining of goods.

His Worship—Do you argue that the Crown must in every case prove that the goods actually passed?

Mr. Macleod—I say they must prove the actual obtaining of the goods.

His Worship—If you pay money for goods and don't get them, you say there is no trading with the enemy.

Mr. Macleod—I say there is no offence. There might be an offence in entering into a contract.

Mr. Macleod added that his clients desired to assist in every possible way to get at the truth of the matter, and their position was this: The defence on all the charges would be (1) that the defendants did this business with their compradors; that they credited him and that he bought from a third party; and (2) that the man described in the comprador's purchase book as Soyka was a Chinese, and not an Austrian firm, of which evidence had been given.

To prove the latter it might be necessary to have a further adjournment in order to translate a large number of Chinese books. Mr. Macleod went on to explain that the compradors was instructed by the defendants that he was not to deal with any enemies of Great Britain, and defendants would say that so far as they knew he had not dealt with enemies, but when it came to the possibility of their blameworthiness they were entirely in the hands of the compradors and the Chinese books. Counsel thought it would be proved that Soyka was a Chinese, but if not he wanted it to be shown that his clients knew nothing about it. It would not be possible to day to give evidence of the actual passing of the monies; that could only be proved by the production of Chinese books, with translations.

M. Macleod said he would offer no evidence with regard to the charge of obtaining the goods, but he would deal with the other two charges. The compradors, he said, was not authorized to enter into contracts for defendants except with the latter's written consent, and the evidence did not show that he did so. Counsel produced the compradors' agreement in support of this, and said his submission as to the effect of that document and the effect of the course of dealing between the defendant company and their compradors was this: Defendants bought goods from the compradors at an agreed price, and it was customary for the compradors to enter into a written contract in the form of "bought" or "sold" notes, and the compradors was entitled to make any profit he could. Counsel said it would be obvious that the person referred to in the books as Zee Nan-kee and Soyka

must be the same person. It was suggested by the Crown that the compradors got his one per cent commission as the buying agent of the company.

With regard to Mr. Wohlgenuth, Mr. Macleod said that in July he was told by defendants that they could not make any further payments to him and he agreed. Correspondence then took place with the Consul-General who said he would issue a special licence if Sassoons could satisfy him that the man had renounced his German allegiance. At the end of that month a certificate was handed to the Consul-General that he had lost his German nationality and applied for a special licence. The application, however, was not granted by H.M. Minister. On September 28 Wohlgenuth was dismissed from the firm.

In answer to his Worship, Mr. Macleod said that the certificate stating that the man had "lost his German nationality" was given by the German Consul.

His Worship—He had a scrap of paper to show that that was so?

Mr. Macleod—Yes, I think so.

His Worship—The German Consul gave a scrap of paper to the effect that this man had renounced his allegiance?

Mr. Macleod—I believe that is so.

Mr. Macleod added that Zee was known in Nanking as Soyka, and at the present time he had nothing whatever to do with the Austrian firm of L. Soyka.

Evidence for the defence was afterwards adduced. The first witness called was Mr. A. Howard, one of the managers of the defendant company.

In cross examination by Mr. McKean, witness admitted that the agreement between the firm and the compradors stated that the latter was to devote his whole time to the company's business and was not to enter into competition with the company.

Witness explained that it was a well-known thing that the compradors bought goods.

Mr. McKean—Is this particular transaction he sold to you at the exact price he bought from Soyka?

Witness—He cannot do the business.

Mr. McKean—But he has done it. He bought from Soyka at 4.35l. and your invoice price is exactly the same?

Witness admitted that this was so, and that one member of his firm had called on the Crown Advocate on the question of the employment of Wohlgenuth. He did not wish to suggest that Mr. Wilkinson advised them to break the law, but witness was informed that Mr. Wilkinson said Wohlgenuth could remain on a little while longer and assist the compradors to take over the business.

Further questioned, witness said that before Wohlgenuth joined Sassoons he was employed by Soyka. Wohlgenuth's principal business was the inspection and passing of hides and feathers. Witness admitted that his firm wrote to the Consul saying that they could not get a substitute for Wohlgenuth and that would mean that they would have to close up that section of their business. Wohlgenuth inspected hides in July but was not inspecting now.

Mr. McKean—Are you sure of that?

Witness—I don't believe he has done so recently, but the compradors can give evidence as to that.

On December 1 the firm purchased three lots of skins from the compradors, and out of a lot of 10,000 8,940 were accepted. The reason for this, witness supposed, was that he could not deliver the balance.

Mr. McKean—Were these goods rejected as not up to quality? I want to know who inspected these goods?

Witness—The compradors will be able to tell you that. I cannot tell that. The compradors have taken over the whole of the department.

The defendants employed the firm of John Liddell as press packers and reserved space in their godown for their goods.

Mr. McKean—Do you know whether this German, Wohlgenuth, late in November requested for more room for you at Messrs. Liddell's?

Witness—No.

Mr. McKean—But you were wanting more room at Liddell's godown?

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CLEARANCE OF SHIPS.

An Interesting Marine Court Case.

At the Marine Court, before Commander Beckwith, this morning, A.E.H. Hodgins, the master of the s.s. Haiyang, was summoned for unlawfully leaving the Harbour with emigrants on board his ship before it had been examined by the police.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

P.S. John Moss stated that he saw the ship go out of the Harbour on November 10, and, when spoken to the defendant said that he was under the impression that the ship had been examined by the police as the emigration officers were on board, and his chief officer had told him that everything was all right, and that the inspection had been finished. He felt satisfied that that was so.

Defendant suggested to witness that the police might issue some pass showing that the ship had been cleared. When there were various officials on board they hardly knew whether the ship had been cleared or not. He also mentioned that at Singapore when the ship had been cleared a pass was issued.

Ellis Walker, chief officer of the Haiyang, stated that he saw a police officer on board, whom he found was attached to the Marine Department, and he was told that the ship had been cleared.

Commander Beckwith said he was of the opinion that the master had taken reasonable precautions before he left. In future he would ask the Hon. C. S. P. to issue a police pass. The case would be dismissed.

Witness—Not that I know of. That is the first I heard of it.

Mr. McKean—But you are in charge of the business.

Witness—Yes, but the compradors is doing it.

Mr. McKean—You pay, and the compradors does as he likes?

Witness—I don't attend to the business personally.

Mr. McKean—You are the head of the department; the compradors does what he likes, and you pay.

Witness—These matters come before the compradors and he decides them.

The case was adjourned.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by the correspondents are not necessarily those of the Hongkong Telegraph.]

SPECIAL DAY OF INTERSESSION.

(To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.)

Sir,—I shall be grateful if you will allow me to announce through the medium of your paper that the Archbishop of Canterbury and York have with the entire approbation and endorsement of His Majesty the King requested that Sunday next, January 2, may be observed as a day of solemn intercession to Almighty God in connection with the War and of thankful recognition of the devotion which has been forthcoming in the manhood and womanhood of our country. I have requested the chaplains in charge of Anglican Churches in this Colony to carry out Their Graces' suggestion and to hold such services of intercession at the usual hours on Sunday next.

Yours etc,
G. H. VICTORIA.

St. Paul's College,
Hongkong Dec. 29, 1915.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1915

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Removal of Alien Enemies Advocated.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon in the Council Chamber, H.E. the Governor presiding. There were present—

H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General F. Ventris).

The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Attorney General.

The Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson, Colonial Treasurer.

The Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., Director of Public Works.

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

The Hon. the Captain Superintendent of Police (Mr. C. McI. Messer).

The Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, C.M.G.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.

The Hon. Mr. E. Shellim.

The Hon. Mr. David Lardale.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Helyar.

The Hon. Mr. Liu Cha Pak.

Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, Clerk to the Council.

The following financial minutes, recommended by the Governor, were referred to the Finance Committee—

A sum of \$2,000 in aid of the vote of Public Works, Recurrent, Kowloon Water Works, Maintenance of Water Works.

A sum of \$380 in aid of the vote of Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, Tai Po Quarries, Addition to provide accommodation for Bailiffs.

War Charities.

H.E. the Governor said—Before we proceed with the Orders of the day I should like to mention that it has been suggested to me that a committee should be appointed to receive any subscription that may be forthcoming for war charities and for any other purposes in connection with the war. It would be the duty of such committee to receive all such contributions and they would then allocate them to such purposes as they thought best. There are many small subscribers who would like to give a small monthly sum and do not know exactly what particular object to give it to, and such a Committee would be useful in that direction. I will think of certain gentlemen who would be useful on that Committee and any further communication will be addressed to them in due course.

Mr. Helyar and Mr. Helyar.

The Hon. Mr. Helyar gave notice of a motion that he would move at the next meeting of the Council—

"That in the opinion of this Council it is most desirable that the interned alien enemies should be removed from this Colony at the earliest practicable moment."

British Nationality.

The Hon. Mr. Helyar moved the second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the fees to be paid in this Colony in respect of various things and matters to be granted or done under the provisions of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914.

In doing so, he said that an Act came into operation on January 1 of this year dealing with the whole question of British nationality and the status of aliens. That Act applied to the whole of the Crown Colonies, except on one point, and that was a question of fees. To complete the machinery of the Act in this Colony with regard to fees, it was necessary to pass that Ordinance.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the reading was agreed to.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

Tramway Ordinance.

The Hon. Mr. Helyar moved the second reading of the

Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend further the Tramway Ordinance, 1902.

He said the effect of clause 2 was to increase the maximum speed in one section to 20 miles an hour and in another section to 15 miles an hour. The other alterations to be made in that clause effected some slight improvements in the wording of the Ordinance. The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a second time. Later it went through all its stages and passed.

Societies Ordinance.

The Hon. Mr. Helyar moved the second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Societies Ordinance, 1911.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the reading was agreed to.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

Deportation.

The Hon. Mr. Helyar moved the second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Deportation Ordinance, 1912-1914.

In doing so, he said the attention of this Government had been drawn to the fact that the powers of the Governor as regards the deportation of prisoners to be sent to Shanghai who had served their term here, were not sufficient. The China Amendment Order-in-Council, 1910, provided that in the case of prisoners from Shanghai, the Governor of Hongkong should be lawfully empowered to deport such prisoners to the place to which they were ordered to be deported. Under the existing law there was no power to carry out that provision and the present Bill had been drafted with a view to giving the necessary power. The power would be more useful.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and after the Bill had been read a third time it was passed.

Financial.

The following financial minutes, recommended by H.E. the Governor, were approved by the Finance Committee at a meeting subsequently held:—A sum of \$3,900 in aid of the following votes:—Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong:—(1) Buildings, Maintenance of Buildings, \$2,500.

(2) Lighting, Gas Lighting, City and Suburbs and Hill District, \$1,400.

A sum of \$350 in aid of the vote of Public Works, Recurrent, New Territories, Water Works, Maintenance of Lai Chi Kok.

A sum of (\$398,000) in aid of the vote Miscellaneous Services, Loss on Subsidiary Coins.

A sum of (\$5,918.85), in aid of the vote of Police and Prison Department:—A—Police, Special Police Reserve:—briquets, \$448.33; uniform, \$5,448.22; incidental expenses, \$22.30.

A sum of (\$380.00) in aid of the following votes:—1. Public Works, Recurrent, New Territories, Buildings, Maintenance of Buildings—Mainland and Islands in Northern District, \$80.00; 2. Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Miscellaneous, Miscellaneous Works, \$300.00.

A sum of (\$2,901.62) in aid of the vote of Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, Miscellaneous, Exhumation at Po Kong Po Cemetery.

A sum of \$500 in aid of the vote of Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, Communications, Maintenance of Roads and Bridges in City.

A sum of \$3,550 in aid of the vote of Public Works Department, Other Charges, Incidental Expenses, Stores.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary, on the minute asking for \$398,000 to cover the loss on subsidiary coins, said that the revenue they expected to get this year from opium was estimated at \$4,435,000, which was \$375,000 more than estimated, and as the

JOCKEY CLUB.

More Griffins Drawn For.

Eleven subscription griffins, having arrived by the s.s. Luchoo, were drawn for this morning at the Jockey Club stables, the following being the result of the draw—

Pony 42 (spotted)—Mr. A. M. L. Soars.

Pony 43 (white)—Sir Paul Chater.

Pony 44 (grey)—Mr. H. Morriah.

Pony 45 (grey)—Colonel Lee and Captain Carter.

Pony 46 (black)—Mr. E. Humphreys.

Pony 47 (bay)—Dr. G. P. Jordan.

Pony 48 (black)—Mr. Pearce and Mr. Boswick.

Pony 49 (dun)—Mr. Ellis Kadocrie.

Pony 50 (brown)—Hon. Mr. David Landale.

Pony 51 (bay)—Mr. H. P. White and Mr. Ellis Kadocrie.

Pony 52 (chestnut)—Sir Paul Chater.

THE CINEMATOGRAPHS.

Victoria.

The Victoria Theatre programme for Tuesday, last night and to-night is of a very attractive order, some of the main attractions being a new Pathe's Gazette and some magnificent war pictures which deal mainly with the deeds of the Russian Black Sea Fleet. Other features are one or two good little comedies, a beautiful series of views of Genoa, and a most dramatic three-part film play: "From Circus to Brocade," which is full of thrilling situations. The programme for to-morrow night includes the great detective story: "The Case of the Cigar Band."

Bijou.

The Bijou Theatre has had no room to complain of lack of patronage during the Christmas holidays. The house was again well filled last night, when a new series of the wonderful Fantomas pictures was shown. Keen interest in the doings of the remarkable villain of the piece was manifested, and Bijou patrons are eagerly looking forward to further instalments of the story. A novel feature of the show last night was the introduction of a violin solo by Professor Gonzalez, who played with his accustomed skill and whose performance was very heartily applauded.

Watchnight Service.

At 11.15 p.m. to-morrow a watchnight service is being held at the Union Church. It will be conducted by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.

price of opium had increased to a great extent they would nearly cover the loss on subsidiary coins by the extra revenue from opium—all except \$21,000.

On the vote asking for \$5,918.85 for clothing, helmets and other equipment for the Police Reserve, the Colonial Secretary said that the Police Reserve had done such excellent service that it had been possible to allow a large number of the regular police to proceed Home for the Army and thus a large sum had been saved in salaries. That saving would help, in a good measure, to pay for the equipment.

The New Year.

At the conclusion of the meeting, His Excellency said that as that was the last meeting of the Council during the current year, he could only hope that they would have a better 1916 than 1915.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued to-day by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V.D., state:—

Joined.

The undesignated have joined the Corps, are allotted Corps numbers and posted as follows:—

No. 1963 Stpper J. S. Johnston to Engineer Company.

No. 1954 W. C. Ogley to Signalling Section.

No. 1955 Private J. Brown to Central Section M. G. Co.

Resignation.

No. 1727 Pte. F. H. Baker is permitted to resign, on receiving a Commission as temporary 2nd Lieut. B.G.A., dated 22.12.15.

Engineer Company.

"Stonecutters Beliefs" for January is posted on the notice board at Headquarters for information of all concerned.

Artillery Battery.

For drill purposes the Battery is divided into the following four sub-sections:—

No. 1

Sgt. Crawford

Bomb. Lear

Gr. Finch

" Jack

" Green

" Silksone

" Overy

" Ralph

" Perkins

" West

" Humphreys

No. 2

Sgt. Stry

Cpl. Young

Gr. Henderson

" Forbes

" Corra

" Fraser

" McTavish

" Edwards

" Ainslie

" Duck

No. 3

Sgt. Frith

Bomb. MacPherson

Gr. Macdonald

Gr. McKay

Gr. Longfield

Gr. Elson

Gr. Tatum

Gr. Muirhead

Gr. Gerrard

Gr. Miller

Gr. Hidden

Gr. Heath

No. 4

Cpl. Duncan

Bomb. Basford

Gr. Smith

Gr. McQuibbin

Gr. Eagland

Gr. Sloan

Gr. Young

Gr. Beck

Gr. Johnston

Gr. Bateman

Gr. Boulton

No. 1 and 2 sub-sections will drill on Tuesdays and Nos. 3 and 4 sub-sections on Fridays (except when on guard), commencing on Tuesday and Friday, 4th and 7th prox.

Parades for Friday, 31st inst. NIL.

Detail.

Gun Club Hill, Kowloon:—On duty until morning of 2nd prox.—Eight Section M. G. Co. Officer on duty Lieut. Keonett. P. of W. Camp, Kowloon:—On duty to-night Civil Service Company.

Officer on duty Lieut. Lindell. On duty to-morrow night No. 2 Section Art. Batty.

Officer on duty Lieut. Danby. On duty 1st Jan. No. 1 Sec. Art. Batty, and Lieut. M. G. Co. Officer on duty Cap. Armstrong. Orderly Sergeant until morning of 2nd prox.—Corpl. W. Brown.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

At an examination in first aid to the wounded held recently at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., out of nine students examined the following were successful in qualifying for certificates:—

Leung Wing-cho (*), See To-chung (*), Chan Chun-tim, Cheng Ching-chuen, Cheung Kut-ehing, Chia Yan-kyong, See She-tung.

The candidates marked with an asterisk receive the Second Year Certificate. Dr. S. F. Lee was the Hon. Lecturer, and Dr. McLean Gibson acted as Hon. Examiner.

Intercession Service.

At the Union Church, Sunday next will be observed as a day of special intercession on account of the war, in accordance with arrangements made by the churches of all denominations in Great Britain and throughout the Empire. The service will be held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

THE "PORTHOS."

Another New French Mail Steamer.

The s.s. Porthos, belonging to the Messageries Maritimes Co., which left Marseilles on November 28 on her maiden trip, will arrive in Hongkong on January 1 or 2, coming from Haiphong and bound for Japan.

This vessel, a sister-ship to the s.s. Athos, was also built in Dunkirk by the "Chantiers de France" and has the following dimensions:—Length, 530 feet; Breadth, 62 feet; Depth, 45 feet; Displacement, 18,133 tons. Her engines develop 9,000 horse-power. An average speed of 17½ knots was realised at the official trial.

The liner is equipped in every possible way to meet the requirements of sea travellers wanting the best conditions of comfort. Each class of passengers is perfectly separated from the other by means of the construction itself. A laundry, fitted out with electric materials, and large refrigerating rooms deserve special mention.

The first class, with dining-room, music room, smoking room, finely decorated, can accommodate 94 passengers. The second and third classes are fitted out with spacious cabins for 98 and 190 passengers respectively. The between decks are able to be occupied by over 1,000 persons.

The cargo is loaded into five hatches with electric cranes of the latest type.

The owners have devoted keen attention to the matter of life-saving appliances on board. A great number of life-boats can be put to sea merely by handling an electric switch. The hull, entirely of steel, is divided into ten water-tight compartments, all of which can be sealed simultaneously from the bridge by the officer on watch, in case of danger. The Porthos is thus practically unsinkable.

MINOR KWANGTUNG TROUBLES.

Reported Attempt to seize a Chinese Gunboat.

Squabbling of a kind whose importance it is very easy to exaggerate appears to be going on in various parts of Kwangtung Province. According to one account, an anti-Government force of a few hundreds has just come into collision with loyalist troops at Tungku (near the Canton-Kowloon railway). The general feeling is that the would-be rebels are occupying a very ridiculous position, and that the Canton Government is well able to preserve order in its neighbourhood.

According to another story, an affray took place on the river, near the Boocis Tigris forts, a few days ago. Some malcontents endeavored to seize the gunboat Tungkiang, but were easily defeated by the Government forces. It is said that there were some fifty casualties, including two officers.

UP TO THE MINUTE.

Closing prices.
Dongas's—\$104, buyers.
Indon.—\$103, buyers.
Sagars.—\$179, sales.
Docks.—\$86, buyers.
Shanghai Docks.—Tia. 59, buyers.

St. Joseph's Church.
We are asked to say that, at St. Joseph's Church, on Saturday January 1, Mass will be said at 10 o'clock, and will be followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

MISSING SHIP'S OFFICER.

Result of a Convivial Christmas.

At the Marine Court, before Commander Beckwith, this morning, H. Cornwall, chief officer, of the s.s. Kwong Sit, was summoned by Robert Morgan, master, with absconding himself without leave. The master stated that he engaged the defendant as chief officer and he said that he was quite pleased with the berth. He signed on but he never turned up later and the ship had to proceed on her trip without him.

Commander Beckwith:—Did he send his effects on board?—Yes, sir. Defendant said that after he had left the ship he went and signed on, and then he met a few friends.

Commander Beckwith:—Have you remained in oblivion until now?—No, sir; I have been in hospital, and I forgot all about that I had signed on.

Don't you think it would have been more satisfactory if you had gone and told the master that you were sorry that you had forgotten that you had signed on, but you were there and were prepared to go on with your duties?—Yes, sir.

What time did the ship leave?—At nine o'clock.

What time did you remember that you had signed on?—At ten o'clock.

It was a very stupid procedure on your part,—I have been in the hospital all the time and I have only just been discharged.

I suppose that that was the result of the convivial meeting with friends?—Yes, sir.

As it happens I know that you have a good character and that you are not one of those who are constantly leaving their ships. Once you have signed on, you know, you should keep to it and go, and if you had missed one trip, then you should have gone to the master and told him the circumstances and also that you were ready to go then. It is unfair to the master, and if you had wanted to have a convivial time at Christmas you should have asked permission to do so. I shall dismiss the case with a caution.

REPORTED STRIKE.

Engineers and Ships' Officers in Chinese Employ ask for Bonus.

For some time past there has been a considerable amount of discontent among engineers on Chinese-owned ships registered in Hongkong and neighbouring ports. During the past day or two the matter has reached a head, and last night a meeting of engineers was held (at which a few mercantile marine officers also attended) to decide as to the attitude that should be adopted towards Chinese owners who will not come into line with other shipping firms on the question of payment. Apparently hitherto the Chinese have refused to give their employees the bonus which officers and engineers on British-owned ships have usually received.

At the meeting it was decided that deputations should wait on the owners and should represent the position to them. In one case, we understand, the Chinese refused to see the deputation, while in others no satisfactory arrangement could be reached.

Accordingly, to-day, both engineers and officers employed on many of the Chinese-owned ships have given notice of refusal to work, and the position is regarded as a somewhat serious one.

BABY-SAVING LEAGUE.

Yesterday's Meeting.

The Telegraph has, on many occasions, drawn attention to the ruthless waste of child-life that goes on not only in China itself but also among the native population of this Colony—a waste that, with anything like proper management, could be avoided. In this connection it is of interest to note that a communication has been received by H. E. the Governor from the Secretary of State, who transmits a copy of the First Annual Report of the Baby Saving League of British Guiana and draws attention to the great success achieved by that League.

We gather that the British Guiana League is not a Government institution, albeit it receives a grant from Government funds.

His Excellency, we learn, proposes to appoint a committee whose work it shall be to ascertain what can be done in Hongkong on much the same lines as those pursued in the above-mentioned case. Yesterday a meeting was held at the office of the Sanitary Board, under the presidency of the P.M.O., Dr. J. T. C. Johnson, for the discussion of the Governor's proposal.

Those present were the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, C.M.G., Dr. Jordan, Dr. Harston, Mr. E. J. Noronha, the Hon. Mr. Lau Chapek and Mr. Chan Kai ming.

After some discussion it was decided that information should be sought on the subject of child-feeding in Hongkong, and that steps should be taken towards the delivering of street lectures to the poorer classes, on the subject of infantile mortality.

ABERDEEN MANSLAUGHTER.

The Criminal Sessions were resumed to-day, when the case of the two Chinese, named Tong Ming and Tong Tin, vegetable gardeners, of Aberdeen, who stand charged with the manslaughter of a fellow clansman, was proceeded with. P. S. Floyd said that in consequence of information received from the first defendant, who stated there was a thief in the garden who had stolen his vegetables, witness sent three constables with the men to the place. That was about 9 p.m. and the three constables, an interpreter and the first defendant returned about an hour later. They brought with them the deceased man who was very badly injured. He was bleeding profusely. Witness, through the interpreter, asked deceased who had beaten him and he replied in the presence of the prisoners, that they and a man named Lok Hing were responsible. The prisoners made no reply to the allegation, although deceased, who was lying on his right side, lifted his hand a little and pointed in their direction.

The Chief Justice:—Could he see them?—I am not sure whether he could or not.

Witness said he later stopped the bleeding. At that time there was absolutely no charge against the prisoners; they were merely detained as they could be made. Subsequently enquiries were made and the following day they were charged at the Central Police Station with murder. In the garden witness found a broken bamboo pole and in the matted leaves against the cabin occupied by the second prisoner he found a wound on a pole which was covered with blood. Outside, about twelve feet away, he found another bamboo pole, which was also broken.

The second man charged.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH. SECOND EXTRA

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1915.

THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

Rumours of Unrest in the Provinces.

The *N. C. Daily News* correspondent writes:—

Peking, December 21.

I am informed by a competent Government authority that there is no truth in the report that some Southwestern provinces are opposing the restoration of the monarchy as reported in local papers. The truth is that the Government recently received a telegram from Mr. Liang Chien-chang, late of the Ministry of Communications and now Civil Governor of Kweichow, wishing to be informed of the whereabouts of General Tsoo Ao, former Revolutionary Tuteh of Yunnan, late member of the State Council and Director-General of the Land Measurement Bureau, for certain non-political affairs. The reason which led to the spread of the rumour is that General Tsoo is a bosom friend of Mr. Liang Chi-chao and is believed to be rather unfavourably disposed towards the monarchical movement. Hence, his departure for Japan for the recuperation of his shattered health in advance of Liang Chi-chao's going to the United States a fortnight ago.

General Tsoo Ao commands great power in Yunnan, where he started the first revolution against the ex-Manchu Dynasty and where the notorious rebel leader, Tsoo Chun-huan, former Viceroy of the Yunnan and Kweichow provinces, is also very popular. In addition, the existing Chiangchun of Yunnan, General Tang Chi-yai, was formerly an intimate subordinate of General Tsoo Ao, and, therefore, rumours have arisen about the movements of General Tsoo and Mr. Liang; but in reality there is perfect peace in Yunnan, Kweichow and Szechuan according to the daily telegraphic reports received by the Government.

The Feeling in Canton.

With regard to Kwangtung and Hunan where are situated the native bands of Sun Yat-sen and Huang Hain, the general situation is also orderly and both Generals Lung Chi-kwong and Tang Hsiang-min have everything firmly in their hands. The report circulated by the Japanese *Shuntien-shihpo* that the troops under Admiral Tang Hsiang-min, of Hunan, have been disbanded by order of the Peking Government and that he is secretly watched by General Tsoo Kun, Commander of the third division of northern troops in Hunan province, is untrue. This rumour is due to the fact that Admiral Tang Hsiang-min is a brother of Tang Hua lung, late Minister of Education who is said to be opposing the monarchy.

Chang Ming-chi, Civil Governor of Kwangtung, who was recently given two months' leave on account of the death of his father at Tientsin, has not returned to his post at Canton on account of illness.

Admiral Sah.

Admiral Sah Chen-ping who recently visited the south to inspect the various arsenals, especially the Kiangnan and Hanyang Arsenals, has returned to the Capital and delivered his report to the Government. It is believed that all the military portion of the Kiangnan Arsenal will be entirely shifted to Hanyang shortly.

In order to prevent rebel raids, the Government has ordered that all arms manufactured by the Hanyang and Kiangnan Arsenals, with the exception of those required for the use of the local forces shall in future be sent up to the Capital for storage.

Well-Known Shanghai Pony for Hongkong Races.

At the Shanghai Horse Bazaar, on December 22, the well-known race pony Suffolk (late Sandiway) was put up for auction and fetched Tls. 1,200. He was purchased by the John Peel stable and will probably be entered for the next Hongkong races.

NOTICE

G. R.
PARTICULARS and CONDI-
TIONS of the letting by Public
Auction Sale, to be held on Mon-
day, the 3rd day of January, 1916
at 3 p.m., at the Office of the
Public Works Department, by
Order of His Excellency the
Governor, of Two Lots of Crown
Land above Kennedy Road and
South of L.L. 1216, Robinson Road
respectively in the Colony of
Hongkong for a term of 75 years,
with the option of renewal at
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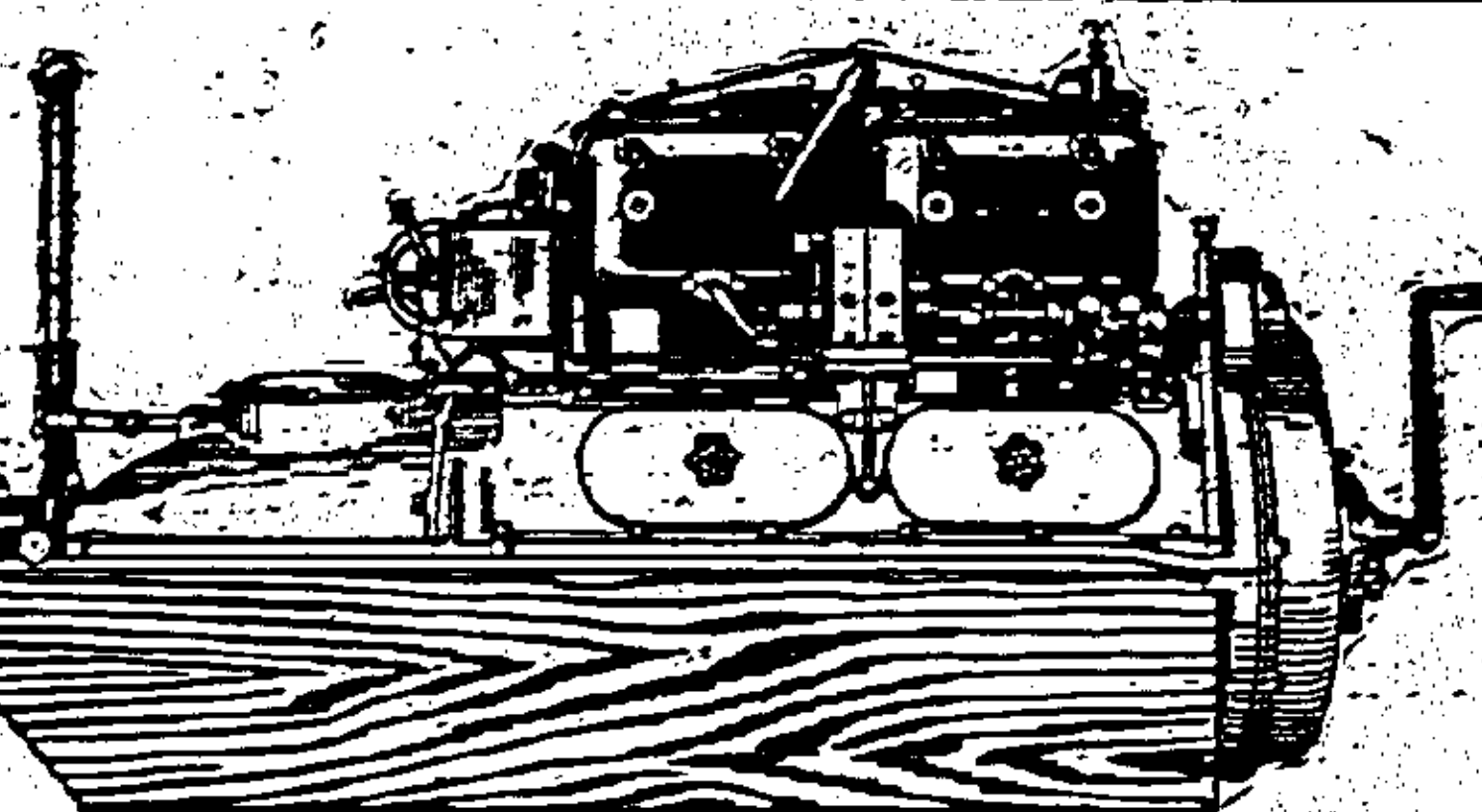
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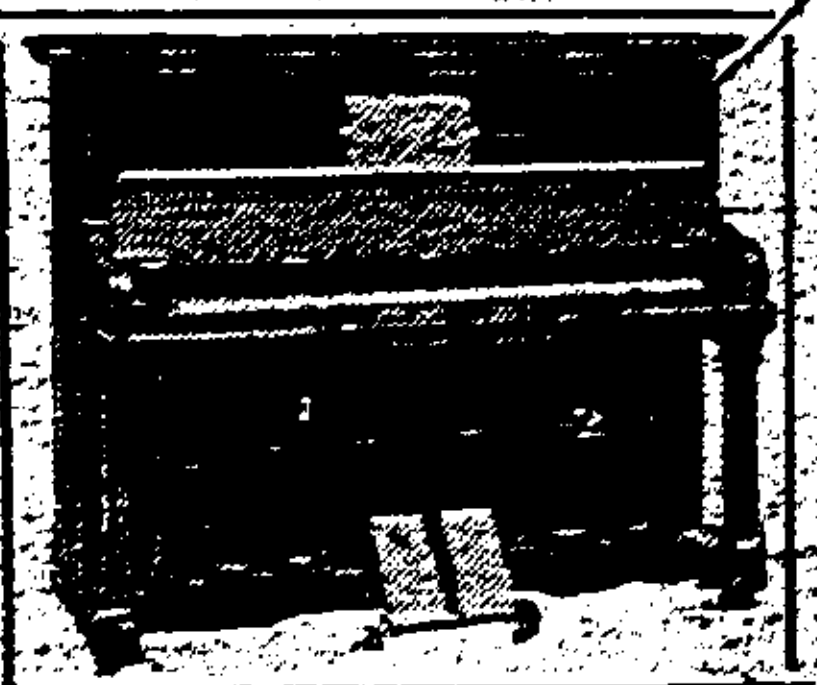
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Hongkong, March 12, 1915
BUTCHER MEAT.

Beef Sirloin—Mts Lung Pa	lb	19
"Prime Rib	"	21
"Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk	"	19
"Roast—Shiu	"	19
"Roast—Ngau Lam	"	17
"Scotch—Tong Yik	"	15
"Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa	"	20
"do—Siu-lam—Ngau Lam	"	30
"Sausages—Ngau Cheung	"	24
Bullock's Brains—No	per set	10
"Tongue, fresh—Ngau Li	each	50
"do—corned—Ham Ngau Li	"	60
"Head—Ngau Tan	"	\$1.00
"Heart—Ngau Sun	"	14
"Hump, Salt—Ngau Kim	"	20
"Feet—Ngau Keuk	"	11
"Kidneys—Ngau Yim	"	11
"Tail—Ngau Ma	"	18
"Liver—Ngau Koi	"	13
"Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To	"	6
Calves' Head & Feet—Ngau-tai-tan-keuk	set	\$1.08
Mutton Chop—Young Pak Kwat	lb	25
"Leg—Young Pak	"	25
"Shoulder—Young Shan	"	24
"Saddle	"	27
Pigs Chindings—Chu Chong	"	27
"Brains—Chu No	per set	24
"Feet—Chu Keuk	lb	13
"Fry—Chu Chap	"	15
"Head—Chu Tan	"	16
"Heart—Chu Sam	each	11
"Kidneys—Chu Yim	"	18
"Liver—Chu Koi	lb	23
Pork Chop—Chu Pak Kwat	"	24
"Corned—Ham Chu Yuk	"	28
"Leg—Chu Pak	"	28
"Fat or Lard—Chu Yai	"	29
Sheeps' Head and Feet—Young Tau Keuk	set	60
"Heart—Young Sam	each	8
"Kidneys—Young Yim	"	12
"Liver—Young Koi	lb	26
Sucking Pigs to order—Chu Tai	"	22
Suet, Beef—Shang Ng Yau	"	20
"Mutton—Shang Young Yau	"	28
Veal—Ngau Tai Yuk	"	19
"Sausages—Ngau Tai Cheung	"	28
Lard—Chu Yau	"	20

POULTRY:

Chicken—Kai Tai	lb	35
Capon, Large, Small—Sun Kai	"	34
Ducks—Ap	"	32
Doves—Pan Kan	"	18
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tai (cooking)	per doz	20
"(fresh)	"	38
Fowls, Canton—Kai	lb	42
"Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai	"	30
Geese—Ngo	"	24
Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kip	each	28
"Hohow—Hoi How Pak Kip	"	25
Snipe—Sha Tai	each	22
Turkeys, Cock—Fo Kai Kung	lb	60
"Hen—Na	"	45
Pheasants—Shan Kai	"	75
Quail—Om Chun	"	25
Partridges—Che Ku	"	65

FISH

Barbel—Ka Yu	lb	18
Bream—Pin Yu	"	18
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Sin Yu	"	15
Carp—Lo Yu	"	20
Catfish—Chik Yu	"	12
Codfish—Mun Yu	"	14
Crabs—Hoi	"	26
Cuttle Fish—Mak Yu	"	16
Daio—Sha Mang Yu	"	12
Dace—Wong Mei Lap	"	13
Dog Fish—Tui To She	"	10
Eels, Conger—Hoi Man	"	13
"Fresh water—Tun Sai Yu	"	18
Eels, Yellow—Wong Sin	"	32
Frogs—Tin Kai	"	33
Garcopa—Shek Pan	"	40
Gudgeon—Pak Kip Yu	"	16
Herrings—Tao Pak	"	20
Halibut—Cheung Kwan Kip	"	20
Lahrus—Wong Fa Yu	"	18
Loach—Wu Yu	"	28
Lobsters—Lung Ha	"	28
Mackerel—Chi Yu	"	20
Monk Fish—Mong Yu	"	32
Vollet—Chai Yu	"	16
Oysters—Shang Ho	"	22
Parrot Fish—Kai Kung Yu	"	12
Perch—Tan Lo	"	18
Pike—Pa Pan Fong	"	18
Fluke—Pan Yu	"	15
Pomfret, Black—Hak Cheung	"	26
Pomfret, White—Pak Cheung	"	28
Prawns—Ming Ha	"	38
Ray—Pai Pa She	"	10
Rock Fish—Shek Kwan Kwan	"	15
Roach—Chun Yu	"	12
Salmon—Ma Yu	"	38
Shark—Sha Yu	"	7
Shrimp—Po Yu	"	8
Shrimps—Ha	"	25
Snapper—Lap Yu	"	28
Sole—Tat She Yu	"	26
Tench—Wan Yu	"	16
Turbot—Cho How Yu	"	18
Turkey small, fresh water—Keuk Yu	"	60

EGGS:

Almonds—Hing Yan	lb	35
Apples (California)—Kam Shan Ping Kuo	"	12
"(Ohio)—Tin Chai Ping Kuo	"	12

Bananas, fragrant Canton—San Shing Heng Chai lb

Chestnuts, Chinese—Fong Lat	lb	1
Cassia—Young To	"	1
Cocoanuts—Yo Tai	each	12
Grapes—Po Tai Tai	lb	30
Lemons, China—Ling Mung	"	8
"America—Kam Shan Ling Mung	"	10
Lichees Dried—Lai Chi, small Stone	lb	28
"Fresh	"	1
Oranges, (Canton)—Shan-shang Tin Ching	"	5
"Sweet	"	8
Pears (American)—Kwa San Shoo Lay	"	18
"(Canton), Cooking—She Li	"	10
Peanuts—Pa Shang	"	10
Plantain—Tai Chin	"	1
Plums—Swatow, Hing Lai	"	1
Pumelo, Shan—Chun Lo Yau	each	14
Shanghai—Lo Kwat	"	1
Walnuts—Hop To	lb	15
Water Melon—Green—Sang Hop Tao	"	1
"Water Melon—(Am.)—Kam San Sai Kwa	each	1

VEGETABLES, etc.

Artichokes, Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Ah Chi	lb	8
Cheek	"	8
Beans, (French), Macao—Oh Moon Pin Tan	"	8
"(French) Shanghai—Sheung Hoi Pin	"	8
"Sproot—Ah Choi	"	8
"Long—Tau Kok	"	10
Beet Root—Hung Choi Tan	each	6
Bitter Squash—Fu Kwa	"	8
Broadbeans, Green—Ching Yuen Kwa	"	8
"Red—Hung Ke	"	18
Cabbage, Chinese, (common)—Kai Tai	lb	18
Cabbage, Shanghai—Ye Tai	"	14
Cane Shoots, bunch—Kam Shun	"	8
Carrots—Kam Shun	lb	6
Celery, Chinese—Tung Kan Tsai	"	8
Chilies Dried—Kon Lap Chin	"	25
"Red—Hung Fa Chin	"	10
"Green—Ching Lap Chin	"	8
Cherry Stuff, English—Ka Li Ohn Liu	each	10
Cumbers—Ching Kwa	"	2
Garlic—San Tan	lb	8
Ginger, young—Sun Tai Keung	"	6
"old—Lo Keung	"	8
Horseradish, Shanghai—Lik Kan	"	12
Indian Corn—Suk Mai	each	1
Lettuce—Young Shang Tsai	"	1
Water Chestnuts—Ma Tai	lb	6
Mandarin—Kwai Lam Ma Tai	"	8
Muskmelon, Fresh—Shang Cho Kwa	each	35
Muskmelon, Amer.—Kam San Hong Kwa	"	1
Okra	lb	1
Onions Bombay—Young Chong Tan	"	8
"Green—Shang Chong	"	6
"Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Chong Tan	"	7
Parsley—Kun Tai	"	10
Green Peas—Ching Tan	"	10
Potatoes, Sweet—Fan Shu	"	3
"Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Shu Tai	"	3
"Japan—Yut Pan Shu Tai	"	3
"American—Pa Ki Shu Tai	"	3
"Fochow—Foo-chow Shu Tai	"	3
Pumpkin—Tung Kwa	"	5
Radish—Hung Lo Pak Tai	"	5
Rhubarb (Fresh)—Tai Wong	"	1
Sage—Tao So	"	8
Shallots—Kon Chung Tan	"	5
Spinach—Yin Tai	"	6
Tomatoes—Tan Ke	"	6
Taro—Wu Tan	"	4
Turnips, Pumi, (Long)—Lo Pak	"	4
"English—Young Lo Pak	"	4
Vegetable Marrow—Chit-ai	"	4
"(American)—Kai-ai Chit-ai	"	12
Water Cress—Sai Young Tai	"	8
Lily root—Lin Ngau	"	6
Yam—Ta Shu	"	1
English—Young Kan Choi	"	1

The above prices are in accordance with the Government list
of maximum charges fixed by Proclamation as revised up to the
30th ult. The Proclamation also contained the following schedule
of maximum retail prices—

1. Flour—	
(a) Highest Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.,	\$4.50
per lb.,	10
(b) Second Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.,	4.00
per lb.,	8
(c) Third Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.,	3.50
per lb.,	7
2. Tinned Milk—	
(a) Sweetened Condensed Milk, per 1 lb. tin,	35
(b) Unsweetened Condensed Milk, per 1 lb. tin,	25
(c) Sterilized Milk, per tin (18 oz.),	25
(d) Sterilized Milk, per 1 litre tin,	35
(e) Eagle Brand, per 1 lb. tin,	33
(f) Skimmed Milk, per 1 lb. tin,	20
Sugar—	
Cane, (in 6 lb. tins), per tin,	12
Refined, Crystallized, per lb.,	12
Granulated, per lb.,	12
Soft, No. 1 quality, per lb.,	12
No. 2	12
Cooking Salt, 2 cents per lb.	

5. Frozen Meat—
The Dairy Farm prices for frozen food and other stores published
on 1st September, 1914, with all changes in prices shown in
the list are the maximum retail prices for the articles enumerated in
the price list of that date. [Approved copies signed by the Chair-
man and the Secretary of the Food Committee can be seen either at
the Treasury or on the premises of the Dairy Farm Company in
Wyndham Street.]
6. Market Produce—(See above)
**7. The prices of provisions imported from countries other than
China (excepting those above enumerated) may not be raised more
than 15 per cent. above the retail prices prevailing in the Colony
on the 25th July, 1914.**
8. Note—In consideration of the loss sustained by discount or
industrial outgo, payment for all articles of food not exceeding 4
in value (excepting those articles enumerated in Chinese Food Provisions
List No. 15 of the 25th October, 1914, and in Chinese Food Provisions
List No. 16 of the 25th October, 1914, and in Chinese Food Provisions
List No. 17 of the 25th October, 1914, shall be made in 10% advance on the
date of 15 per cent.

COMMERCIAL.

London Rubber Special.

London, December 13.—Final dividends declared are: Killinghall 7, Krubong 7, Asahm 24, Kuala Klang 20 and Bantam 12. Kuala Selangor pays an interim of 33. Rubber at 3/8. — Straits Times.

Mining in China.

The Chinese Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, proposes to depute a number of delegates to the provinces to institute investigations concerning the mining affairs as follows:—(1) The location of the richest mines. (2) The reason of the suspension of mining enterprises in some places. (3) The mining conditions as supervised by the provincial commissioner of mining affairs.

Shanghai Exchange Circular.

Meersa Maitland and Pearson report for week ending the 15th December, 1915, states: The London price of Silver at 27.11-16d. is 1.1 lower than last week, throughout the week it has been quoted steady. Our local rate for T/T on London at 2/6 1/2 is 1.1 down. There has been a fair demand for T/T on London, and though the amounts have not been very large, continued demand is embarrassing to the Banks in the absence of cover. Exports remain dull, and the Market closes weak. Our local stock of Silver and Bar Silver at Tls. 45,873,000 is over Tls. 2,000,000 lower than last week. The stock of Mexican Dollars at \$22,030,000 is \$640,000 down.

Anglo-Java Rubber and Produce.

A meeting of the debenture-holders of the Anglo-Java Rubber and Produce Company (Limited) was held on November 16 for the purpose of considering a resolution amending to modifications of the rights attaching to the debentures. Mr. E. H. Parry presided, and explained that the shareholders of the company desired to reduce the capital by £120,000, writing off 6s. per share, and subdividing the reduced shares into seven of 2s. each. The meeting called for that purpose had been adjourned because a certain section of the shareholders thought that the proposals were unduly advantageous to the debenture-holders in connection with the conversion rights of the latter. As a result of consultation with the trustees of the debenture-holders, and with some of the larger debenture-holders, the scheme which they were then considering had been formulated, and it had been approved at the adjourned meeting of the shareholders on Friday last when the resolutions for the reduction of the capital and the subdivision of the shares had been passed on the undertaking of the directors that the reduction would not be proceeded with should the debenture-holders not see fit to approve their side of the scheme. If the debenture-holders did not approve, the duty of the directors would be to proceed with all despatch with the redemption of the debentures, which would be completed in all probability before much if any value could attach to their conversion rights. In the meantime, no doubt, the shareholders would be deprived of early dividends, and the large capital of the company would remain as a permanent burden on its prosperity. It was with a view to relieve the company of those disabilities that certain variations of the rights of the debenture-holders were proposed. The company was offering a cash payment of 5 per cent. on the nominal value of the debenture stock, plus an option to subscribe for shares up to 20 per cent. of the present holding of the debentures at a premium of 25 per cent., that option to be exercisable at any time before June 30, 1922. From the very substantial support received in favour of proposals it seemed that the offer was regarded as being an equitable adjustment of the rights. The resolution was adopted.

SHARE REPORT.
COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

STOCK.	Class of Shares.	Par Value.	1914.	1914.	1915.	1915.	Last Dividend and Date.
Banks.							
H'kong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	£100 b.	100,000	1796	all	835	July.	700 Oct. 545 x div. 790 c. div. { £2 1/2 at 1/9 5/16 equal to \$2.21 for 1/2 year 30/6/15
Marine Insurance.							
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.	£10,000	10,000	1330	50	350	Dec.	305 Oct. 485 350 { Final of \$4 a/c 1913. Interim of \$18 a/c 1914.
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	£10,000	10,000	215	55	145	May	133 Jan. 175 160 { Final of 12 1/2 p.c. making 25 p.c. for 1914.
Union Ins. Society of China, Ltd.	£10,000	12,400	1360	100	847 1/2	April	700 Oct. 977 835 { Final of \$20 and bonus of \$5 making \$25 for 1913 and Interim of \$30 for 1914.
Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd.	£10,000	12,000	1100	60	210	April	192 1/2 Jan. 270 225 { Final of \$15 mak. \$18 for 1913 & Int. of \$3 for 1914
Fire Insurance.							
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	£10,000	10,000	1100	20	160	July	140 Oct. 162 180 { \$9 for 1913
H'kong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	£10,000	10,000	1100	20	395	Feb.	363 April 420 385 { \$27 for 1913
Shipping.							
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	£100	20,000	1100	all	36	Mar.	27 1/2 Nov. 100 45 { \$4 1/2 for year ending 30.6.15
Hongkong, C. & S.S. Co., Ltd.	£100	80,000	115	all	29 1/2	Jan.	22 Dec. 33 19 { Final of 40 cts. making 90 cts. for year ending 31.12.14
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	£100	100,000	1167	all	79	Jan.	50 Sept. 162 95 { 6 p.c. on p.a. & 3 p.c. on d.a. for year 1914 & 3 p.c. on d.a. for year 1915. Interim of 6 p.c. on the combined a/c paid in London on 29.12.15 equal to \$1.12 1/2.
Shall T'port & Trading Co., Ltd.	£100	3,797,510	116	all	106 1/2	Feb.	70/- Sept. 90/- x div. 82/- x div. { Interim of 2/- (Coupon No. 25) making 7/- for 1915
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	£100	40,000	110	all	49	Mar.	40 Nov. 39 32 { \$1.50 per share and bonus of 40 cents per share for year ending 30.4.15
Refineries.							
China S. Refining Co., Ltd.	£100	20,000	1100	all	96 1/2	Feb.	70 Nov. 134 111 { \$3 for 1912
Luxon S. Refining Co., Ltd.	£100	7,000	1100	all	31	Jan.	17 Dec. 45 27 1/2 { \$3 for 1897
Mining.							
Kaitum Mining Admin'n.	£100	1,000,000	116	all	41/-	Feb.	33/6 Dec. 33/6 30/- { Interim of 1/- account year ending 30.6.15 (Coupon No. 5.)
Bamb. Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	£100	200,000	116	all	31.0	Jan.	190 Nov. 4 33 1/2 { 1/2 for 1909
Tronoh Mines Ltd.	£100	160,000	116	all	39/-	Feb.	19/6 Nov. 32/6 25/- { Interim a/c 1915 paid 12.7.15
Ural Caspians	£100	796,666	116	all	56/6	Feb.	21/3 41 37/6 { 1/- interim 1915
Docks, Wharves and Godowns.							
H'kong & K.W. & G. Co., Ltd.	£100	60,000	1100	all	59	Jan.	73 Nov. 81 68 { \$2.50 for year 1914
H'kong & W. & P. Co., Ltd.	£100	50,000	1100	all	77	Jan.	53 Oct. 88 57 { \$3 dividend for year 1914
H'kong & W. & P. Co., Ltd.	£100	50,000	1100	all	60	July	50 Dec. 63 49 ex div. { \$3 for year ending 30.4.15
Shanghai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	£100	36,000	1100	all	109	Jan.	82 1/2 Dec. 93 1/2 80 { Tls. 5 for 1914
Lands, Hotels and Buildings.							
Anglo French Lands	£100	13,000	1100	all	128	July	120 Dec. 116 112 { Tls. 6 1/2 for year ending 29.2.14
H'kong Hotel Co., Ltd.	£100	20,000	1100	all	128	July	120 Dec. 116 112 { \$2.50 for half year ending 30.6.15
H'kong Land Investment Co.	£100	50,000	1100	all	112 1/2	July	98 Nov. 111 x div. 108 { \$3 for year ending 30.6.15
H'kong Estate & F. Co., Ltd.	£100	150,000	1100	all	94	Jan.	7 Nov. 7 6.10 { 45 cents for year 1914
K'loon Land & Building Co., Ltd.	£100	6,000	1100	all	4	Jan.	7 Feb. 40 40 { \$3 for 1914
Shanghai Lands	£100	78,000	1100	all	98	Dec.	89 Oct. 106 101 { Dividend of 6 p.c. for year ending 30.6.15
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	£100	12,000	1100	all	73	June	66 Feb. 73 70 { \$2 for half year ending 30.6.15
H'kong Central Estates	£100	10,000	1100	all	103	Dec.	103 100 { \$4.09 for 7 months ending 31.12.14
Cotton Mills.							
Ewo Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd.	£100	20,000	1100	all	148	July	125 May 180 135 { Tls. 16 for year ending 31.10.15
Kung Yik	£100	75,000	1100	all	164	Jan.	11 Mar. 17 139 1/2 { Tls. 1.20 for year ending 30.11.14
Laon Kung Mow	£100	8,000	1100	all	110	Feb.	70 May 89 80 { Tls. 12 for 1913
Shanghai Cotton	£100	40,000	1100	all	35	Feb.	70 Nov. 105 90 { Dividend of Tls. 7 1/2 for year ending 30.6.15
Ice Factories.							
Yangtze Ice Co., Ltd.	£100	175,000	1100	all	61	Dec.	61 62 { Tls. 16 for year ending 31.10.15
Electric Power.							
China Electric Power Co., Ltd.	£100	10,000	1100	all	12	May	10 Dec. 10 10 { Tls. 1.20 for year ending 30.11.14
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	£100	10,000	1100	all	450	July	4 April 44 44 { Tls. 12 for 1913
Other.							
China Prov. L. & M. Co., Ltd.	£100	125,000	1100	all	9	Jan.	7 Nov. 10.10 8.60 { Dividend of 6 p.c. for year ending 30.6.15
Dairy Farm Company, Ltd.	£100	40,000	1100	all	39	June	35 Aug. 34 31 { \$1.25 for year ending 31.7.15
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	£100	400,000	1100	all	630	Jan.	5 Dec. 11 6.70 { 50 cts. for 1914
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	£100	60,000	1100	all	49	Jan.	36 Nov. 45 39 { \$2.00 per share for 1914
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	£100	6,000	1100	all	217 1/2	July	174 Dec. 199 184 { Interim of \$2 account 1915
Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	£100	60,000	1100	all	25	June	22 Apr. 43 25 { Interim of \$1 for year ending 30.6.15
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	£100	325,000	1100	all	37	July	77 Feb. 5.90 4.80 { \$10 for 1914
Langkats	£100	50,000	1100	all	64 1/2	Mar.	28 Dec. 42 36 1/2 { Interim of Tls. 1 making Tls. 2 a/c 1913
Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. (Old)	£100	22,000	1100	all	10 1/2	Jan.	14 June 10 9 { 70 cts. on fully paid shares and 7 cts. on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.15
Do (New)	£100	50,000	1100	all	93	Jan.	15 cts. Dec. 1 80 cts. { \$1.50 for 1910
Philippines L.	£100	75,000	1100	all	12	Jan.	10 10 10 { None
H. Pine & Co., Ltd.	£100	12,000	1100	all	10	Jan.	10 10 10 { None
Societe des Papiers et Papier	£100	12,000	1100	all	10	Jan.	10 10 10 { None
teries du Tonkin	£100	12,000	1100	all	10	Jan.	10 10 10 { None
Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.	£100	20,000	1100	all	5.00	June	4 Nov. 3 1/2 3.00 { 25 cts. for year ending 31.3.15
Union Water-boat Co., Ltd.	£100	27,723	1100	all	29 1/2	Feb.	17 Jan. 18 16 { \$1.00, per share for year ending 31.12.14
Watson and Co., Ltd.	£100	90,000	1100	all	8 1/2	April	6.90 Dec. 6.90 x div. 6 1/2 x div. 60 cts. for 1914
William Powell, Limited	£100	11,000	1100	all	5 1/2	Jan.	6 1/2 Dec. 7 5 1/2 { 50 cts. on old shares and 25 cts. on new year shares for year ending 30.6.14
S. C. Morning Post	£100	11,000	1100	all	30	June	92 Dec. 29 29 { \$1.50 for 1914

LATEST RUBBER QUOTATIONS.

Anglo-Java Estates Ltd. Tls. 15 buyers.	Ayer Panas (Straits) \$7 buy.	Kempas (Straits) \$4.75 buyers.	Sandycrofts (Straits) \$7 1/2 buyers.
Anglo-Dutch Tls. 6 buyers.	Balgownie (Straits) \$3.40 buy.	Malaka Pindas (Straits) \$1.90 buyers.	Pajang (Straits) \$13 1/2 buyers.
Linggis 14/9 buyers 15/6 sellers.	Changkat Serdangs (Straits) \$7 buyers.	Malakoffs (Straits) \$3.50 buyers.	New Serendah \$2.60 sellers.
Nordenals 13/6 buyers 18/9 sellers.			

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CORRECTED TO MON. DEC. 30, 1915.
ANY SUBSEQUENT ALTERATIONS WILL BE FOUND IN "UP TO THE MINUTE SHARE MARKET NEWS."
THE TELEGRAPH DOES NOT HOLD ITSELF RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE QUOTATIONS.

EXCHANGE.

30th Dec.

Selling.	T/T Bombay	On Haiphong	Gold Leaf per oz.
T/T 1/10 7/8	Demand Bombay 142 1/2	On Saigon 3 1/2	\$58.80
Demand 1/10 15/16	T/T Calcutta	On Bangkok 8 1/2	\$10.50 nom.
30 d/s 1/11	Demand Calcutta 142 1/2		
60 d/s 1/11 1/8	Demand Manila 90 1/2	Buying.	
4 m/s 1/11 3/16	T/T Bar F co & E 44 1/2	4 m/s L/C 1/11 5/8	
T/T Shanghai 75	Demand New York 44 7/8	4 m/s D/P 1/11 3/4	
Private 30 d/s a/c 81 1/2	T/T Java	6 m/s L/C 1/11 7/8	
T/T Singapore 81 1/2	T/T Marks	30 d/s Sany & M 1/11 7/8	
T/T Japan 89 1/2	Demand Germany	30 d/s Sany & M & N 1/11 7/8	
T/T India 103 1/2	T/T France	4 m/s Marks 1/11 7/8	
Demand India 142 1/2	Demand Paris 142 1/2	4 m/s France 1/11 7/8	

BANKS.

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

HEAD OFFICE: 60, Wall Street, New York.
LONDON OFFICE: 35, Bishopsgate, E.C.

BRANCHES: ROMBAI, LONDON, CALCUTTA, MANILA, CANTON, PANAMA, CEBU, PEKING, COLON, SAN FRANCISCO, HANKOW, SHANGHAI, HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, KOBE, YOKOHAMA.

CAPITAL PAID-UP \$3,250,000
RESERVE FUNDS \$2,100,000

(U.S. Gold) \$7,460,000
All kinds of FOREIGN & LOCAL BANKING BUSINESS transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received at rates to be ascertained on application.

N. S. MARSHALL
Manager.
Hongkong, 1st July 1915

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Established 1880.

Authorized Capital Yen 48,000,000
Paid-up Capital " 30,000,000
Reserve Fund " 20,000,000

Head Office.—YOKOHAMA.

Branches: Amoy, Hankow, Hongkong, Kobe, London, Lyons, Manila, Peking, Shanghai, Singapore, Szechuan, Tientsin, Yokohama.
Agencies at: Nagasaki, Canton, Hankow, Hongkong, Kobe, London, Lyons, Manila, Peking, Shanghai, Singapore, Szechuan, Tientsin, Yokohama.

EISHI ONO, Manager.

Hongkong, 31st October, 1915.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853.

HEAD OFFICE.—LONDON.
Paid-up Capital £1,200,000
Reserve Fund £1,800,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors £1,200,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

Wm. DICKSON, Manager.
Hongkong, 11th April, 1912.

BANK OF CANTON.

LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE HONGKONG.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business Transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS
For 3 Months 3% per annum
For 6 Months 4% per annum
For 12 Months 4 1/2% per annum

LOOK POON SHAN.

Chief Manager.

THE ALEXANDRA CAPITAL.

Cannot be Boston, if Reginald, for Broad, Cedar, Convent, and under with Wines & Yarn.

BANKING CORPORATION.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital £1,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS: Starting £1,500,000 at 2/- = \$15,000,000 Silver \$38,000,000

Reserve Liability of Proprietors £15,000,000
COURT OF DIRECTORS: Hon. Mr. D. Landale—Chairman, W. L. Patterson, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.

S. H. Dodwell, Esq., G. T. M. Perkins, Esq., C. S. Gubbay, Esq., P. H. Holman, Esq., J. A. Plummer, Esq., Hon. Mr. R. Sherrin, CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong—N. J. Stubb, MANAGER.
Shanghai—A. G. Stephen, London Bankers—London County and Westminster Limited.

Hongkong—Interest Allowed. On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS
For 3 months. 2 1/2 per cent. per annum.
For 6 months. 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.
For 12 months. 4 per cent. per annum.

N. J. STABB, Chief Manager.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the minimum monthly balances at 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, N. J. STABB, Chief Manager.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Head Office 15 Gracechurch Street, London.

Authorized Capital £1,500,000
Subscribed " 1,125,000
Paid Up " 562,500
Reserve Fund 500,000

BANKERS: The Bank of England, The London Joint Stock Bank, Limited.

BRANCHES: Bombay, Calcutta, Colombo, Delhi, Galle, Hongkong, Howrah, Kandy, Karachi, Kota Bharu, Kuala Lumpur, Madras, Penang, Rangoon, Shanghai, Singapore.

HONGKONG BRANCH. Every description of Banking & Exchange business transacted. Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balances, and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

C. CHAMPKIN, Acting Manager.

NOTICE.

PEAK TEAMWAY CO. LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS:
10.00 AM to 12.00 PM. 12.00 PM to 2.00 PM. 2.00 PM to 4.00 PM. 4.00 PM to 6.00 PM. 6.00 PM to 8.00 PM. 8.00 PM to 10.00 PM.

SUNDAYS:
10.00 AM to 12.00 PM. 12.00 PM to 2.00 PM. 2.00 PM to 4.00 PM. 4.00 PM to 6.00 PM. 6.00 PM to 8.00 PM. 8.00 PM to 10.00 PM.

PEAK TEAMWAY CO. LIMITED.
10, 12, 14, 16

